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and the authorities have returned those fit for service to Panama or other ports. During the past week they brought the sick ones, numbering about 200, to Bocas del Toro. With the permission of their attending physician, I have visited the houses in which they are quartered; on one occasion with Dr. Mohr, resident physician of the United Fruit Company's hospital. I found them suffering from chronic and acute malarial fevers; some had dysentery, due to the same cause. In my opinion, this is due to bad food and general neglect. I saw no evidence whatever of any contagious or infectious disease.

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Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

COSTA RICA.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, July 3, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended July 3, 1902:

Present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, 1 case, no deaths; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 6. Prevailing diseases, yellow fever, malarial fever, and enteritis. The 1 case of yellow fever noted herein, American, white, male, a late arrival here, was admitted to the isolation ward of the United Fruit Company's hospital here, June 29 last. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week was not good. The 6 deaths noted above occurred in this port, 2 white and 4 colored, all males. Due to, respectively, marasmus, pernicious malarial fever, ascites, dysentery, and chronic gastro-enteritis. Two of 3 deaths occurred in the hospitals here.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: June 27, steamship *Brighton*; crew, 23; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Kitty*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. June 28, steamship *Venus*; crew, 30; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. June 30, steamship *Atlas*; crew, 45; passengers from this port, 12; passengers in transit, 6; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, July 7, 1902.

SIR: Through Surg. A. H. Glennan, I have the honor to transmit herewith a report for the week ended July 5, 1902.

During the above-mentioned period, 18 deaths occurred in this city; showing a mortality of 23.46 per 1,000 inhabitants per annum. Three

bills of health were issued vessels prior to departure for the United States. The steamship *Hiso*, bound for New Orleans, was disinfected. Nine health certificates were issued to passengers leaving this port bound to the United States. Sixty-one deaths occurred in this city during the past month of June, representing an annual death rate per 1,000 of 12.30. Reports to the quarantine officer in command of the fifth quarantine division of Cuba, show that the health condition of the ports comprised within the division are good.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

A death from yellow fever at Gibara.

[Cablegram.]

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *July 16, 1902.*

WYMAN: One death yellow fever Gibara—McCONNELL.

Report from Havana—Mortuary statistics and quarantine transactions—An effort made to continue disinfection of viveros destined for Florida waters.

HAVANA, CUBA, *July 8, 1902.*

SIR: The following report of the transactions of the Service for the week ended July 5, 1902, is submitted:

Telegraphic directions have been issued to the sanitary inspectors stationed at Matanzas, Nuevitas, Santiago de Cuba, and Cienfuegos to continue forwarding the weekly blank form of vessels inspected or disinfected (outgoing quarantine), writing "No transactions" across the face of the blank when such is the case.

An effort has been made to continue the inspection and disinfection of the viveros, or fishing vessels, leaving the harbor of Havana for Florida waters, but as they claim that they do not land upon the Florida coast, there is no law compelling them to submit to such inspection since the establishment of the Republic of Cuba. As a matter of fact, the danger from conveyance of yellow fever by these fishing smacks is a minimum one. No cases of the disease have been officially reported upon the island.

The following are the transactions of the disinfecting plants and office during the week:

OFFICE.

Number of vessels inspected and granted bills of health.....	14
Number of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	733
Number of passengers, outgoing vessels, inspected.....	255
Number of health certificates issued.....	10
Number of immune certificates issued.....	67
Number of applications for immune certificates rejected	13

SANATOR.

Number of vessels and cargoes disinfected.....	8
Number of vessels undergoing disinfection.....	1
Number of pieces of baggage and dunnage disinfected.....	458
Number of passengers and crews (outgoing) inspected.....	163